

## WAS SLAIN WOMAN SUFFRAGE MARTYR?

Good Samaritan of Marlinton  
Dead, While Her Husband  
Denies Murder Charge.

(Continued from First Page.)

Virginia, famous for her husband's near  
Fincastle, who in the earlier days were  
among the feudal barons of the State.  
The idea of serving humanity appealed to  
Miss Robertson when scarcely more than  
a girl and a career as a nurse, at  
Marlinton, enticed her.

Marlinton is in West Virginia, a  
lumber region. Its people are whole-  
some, hard-working and in some cases  
well-to-do. The town lies in Pocahontas  
county, the county claims to export  
more lumber than any other east of the  
Mississippi.

Marlinton welcomed to its hospital the  
Virginia girl with a tact for nursing the  
sick and ministering to the afflicted,  
no matter what their trials might be.  
At the hospital, she became a modern Good  
Samaritan, responding cheerfully to every  
call whether from rich or poor. She was  
unfailing in her acts of service. Marlinton  
has its aristocrats, but she won them  
as well as the family of the  
lumberjack.

All Took an Interest  
In Hospital Romance.

Connected with the hospital was a  
Canadian, Dr. Oliver Arnold Howard,  
who had taken his medical degree at the  
University of Maryland in 1906 and came  
to West Virginia to practice. The charm  
of the lovely nurse fell upon him as upon  
others. Dr. Howard, however, was of moody,  
temperamental nature and when he became  
enamored of Miss Robertson, the marriage  
of Dr. Howard and Miss Robertson gave  
Marlinton a hospital romance in which the  
entire community felt an interest.

For a few months the two seemed  
happy together. Then whispers came  
that clouds had come across the path  
of the Howard. In small towns gossipers  
are alert and domestic secrets do not  
always remain so.

Dr. Howard left the hospital and es-  
tablished an office in town. His neigh-  
bors talked of his "irritability," and  
mingled with their comment were oc-  
casional references to the rift in the  
marriage of his wife. Resentment  
was felt, perhaps, but it was not the  
business of outsiders to interfere.  
Mrs. Howard was still the visiting  
angel of the village. She still ministered  
to the sick. She was with mothers when  
their little ones came into the world and  
she kept vigil if one lay on a death bed.  
If sorrow sat about her own bedside she  
said nothing of it.

Sometimes She Appeared  
With Eyes Discolored.

Sometimes she appeared in public with  
a discolored eye. She explained that  
she had "fallen down the steps," or  
"run into a corner of the refrigerator."  
Her explanations were accepted, but  
the gossipers did not cease. One day she  
attributed two black eyes to "a fall upon  
the railroad tracks." Then she burst  
into tears and the town doctors  
much and increased their resentment.

According to those who knew the habits  
of Dr. Howard he grew more moody,  
more prone to argue over trifles and  
more nervous. At times he appeared in  
the depths of melancholia, again he  
seemed to be mentally walking on air.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, August  
15, she attended a woman suffrage meet-  
ing and made what she called "my last  
speech." Despite the fact that she had  
Dr. Howard had an argument with her  
during the morning—presumably over her  
suffrage activities—Mrs. Howard  
emerged from the house as happy  
as a lark and entered the hall of the  
prospects of ultimate success.

At the meeting Mrs. Howard read the  
President's letter to the Jane Jefferson  
Club, of Denver, repeating his views on  
the suffrage issue.

Husband Followed  
Her Into Apartment.

On the way home that afternoon Mrs.  
Howard purchased a bit of embroidery  
for the birthday gift of a little six-year-  
old girl of Marlinton. She was ap-  
parently in good spirit and still think-  
ing of others, as she had been for some  
time. Her husband followed her to the  
third floor of the Bank of Marlinton building  
and a few minutes later her husband  
entered the building.

Mrs. Howard was not seen alive again.  
Witnesses say she came home about  
6:30 o'clock, and her husband said to  
have arrived about twenty minutes later.  
Within ten or fifteen minutes he ran  
down the steps of the building calling  
for another doctor. "The doctor," his  
wife was unconscious from some drug  
and asked for a strychnine injection to  
revive her.

When Dr. J. W. Price arrived on the  
scene, Mrs. Howard was dead. She lay  
on an unmade bed in a spare room, with  
her clothing disarranged and her slip-  
pers beside her. Her face carried an  
expression of fear, there were marks  
on the left side of her neck and her  
nose appeared bruised.

Her husband asserted he had found her  
locked in the spare room, lying on the  
bed, and that he believed she had been  
violently nauseated. He declared he  
slapped her face in an effort to re-  
vive her, and that this failed ran for  
another physician.

After Mrs. Howard's funeral, a commit-  
tee of doctors questioned the under-  
taker, Z. E. Smith. He was asked if he  
had "seen anything strange about the body."  
"Yes, the head seems to be loose," said  
the undertaker. "The physicians" com-  
mittee decided to have an autopsy before  
the body was shipped to Fincastle, where  
it was to be interred.

On examination it was found that  
there were no marks of a hypodermic on  
the body, and in the words of Dr. J. W.  
Colter it was "clean as a whistle." At all  
such marks. It was argued that there  
had not been time for a narcotic to take  
effect from the time Mrs. Howard en-  
tered her home until she was found  
dead.

Came to Her Death  
From Violence, Was Verdict.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was  
that Mrs. Howard had come to her death  
"from violence, to wit, a dislocation of  
the neck," and that "the evidence pro-  
duced before us there is probable cause  
to believe that the said act of violence  
was committed at the hands of  
Oliver A. Howard."

The report of the jury was signed by  
W. L. Dearie, C. M. Kinkaid, M. P.  
Burr, F. D. Malcomb, and L. S. Shoe-  
maker.

Marlinton physicians regard as re-  
markable the method by which the  
marks were discovered on Mrs. Howard's  
throat. Instead of using an x-ray,  
the skin on the neck was drawn back,  
the adipose tissue distended and elec-  
tric light reflected upon it. In this way  
the print of the thumb and three fingers  
appeared on the neck as clearly as a  
picture on a screen.

Dr. J. W. Solter, a physician at the  
Marlinton hospital and former at  
University Hospital, conducted the in-  
quest and directed its method. He  
said that he had never in his medical  
career found a case where a  
similar method was used, and asserted  
that it was likely to mark a distinct  
advance in criminal medical method-  
ology.

The evidence brought out by the re-  
flected light absolutely convinced the  
physicians that Mrs. Howard's  
death had been caused by the grasp  
of a powerful right hand on her throat,  
which by a sudden jerk dislocated her  
brain at the top vertebra, and caused her  
immediate death. The coroner's  
jury, which had returned its first ver-  
dict Wednesday afternoon, was brought  
together again, shown the hand-print,  
and after its previous verdict saying  
that Mrs. Howard came to her death  
"probably by the hand of Oliver  
A. Howard."

The next step was the arrest of Dr.  
Howard. He put up a strong plea of  
innocence, alleging that he had found  
his wife unconscious from the use of  
some narcotic.

Dr. Howard made the following state-  
ment to the Times representative, who  
was directed to H. H. Shary, prosecu-  
ting attorney of Pocahontas county, to  
be at wide variance of his other stories:  
"I was called to the hospital at 7 p. m.;  
there was no one there. I thought my wife  
must have gone to bed. After five  
minutes I walked out into the hall to a  
dark-room bedroom across the hall. I  
tried the door. It was locked. I  
went to the door on the chair, looked over  
the transom, and saw Mrs. Howard  
huddled up on the bed.

"Then I ran through another dark  
room, which leads into the room Mrs.  
Howard was in, but that door, too, was  
locked. Then I ran back to the chair  
and tried to climb over it. I couldn't, and  
so I got a small package from under the  
bed. I saw Mrs. Howard lying there,  
even then I was unable to reach the  
sill.

"So I dragged a refrigerator, which  
was on the other side of the hall, across  
to the door, and I went in. I was  
pulling the refrigerator over a  
couple of castors came out, and some  
glass spilled on the floor. I saw Mrs.  
Howard lying on the bed, and there  
was my wife on the bed—unconscious.  
She had evidently been badly  
nauseated, and she was scarcely breath-  
ing. I slipped her face hard as I had  
to wake her up, but I didn't succeed.  
She still lay there.

"I broke her arm when I shook her  
to revive her," admitted the man who  
is accused with the murder of his wife.  
He said that day he had had a  
trouble, and then switched the  
conversation to an explanation about a  
couple of castors that had come out.

Dr. Howard denied ever having had  
any quarrels with his wife. "We  
were closer friends than any man and  
wife," he said, despite the damnable  
testimony of those who had observed  
him and his wife for five years, "and I  
wouldn't have killed her for a mil-  
lion dollars."

"Does a man who is running for  
suffrage for wife who is almost dead  
to move a refrigerator back from the  
door across the hall?" asked the  
Times representative.

Never Had a Quarrel,  
He Tells Reporter.

Dr. Howard halted his rapid flow  
of words, looked malignantly at the  
reporter, buried his head in his hands  
and muttered that he was a doctor and  
didn't think he was so bad off. I  
moved the refrigerator back, and  
when I came up to the apartment  
he found the Howard refrigerator in  
place. It had always been  
cupied, and that it had either been  
moved back from the door by Dr.  
Howard after he had climbed over the  
transom, or had never been moved at  
all.

We never had a quarrel in our life  
together, related Dr. Howard. Our  
relations were more than friendly. She  
was my greatest help. I never laid a  
finger on the woman in my life.

I got just what I believe I will be  
cleared," ended the imprisoned physi-  
cian, looking through his bushy eye-  
brows, and pacing the cell as an animal  
might.

Dr. Howard, after admitting that he  
was opposed to woman suffrage and  
conceding that he had mentioned the  
proposition the morning of his wife's  
death, refused to utter a word further  
on the subject. His eyes glittered dan-  
gerously every time the reporter men-  
tioned votes for women, but the vic-  
like grip of his jaws did not relax for  
a single word.

The State authorities assert that Dr.  
Howard's defense is shattered by every  
fact that has been discovered.  
1. The liquid found on his wife's dress  
and face by chemical analysis was  
proved to be nothing but water.  
2. No mark of insertion of a hypo-  
dermic needle was found on her body.  
3. Her vitals, examined, showed no  
trace of narcotic or poison of any kind.

Method Known Only  
to Medical Man.

The manner in which her spine was  
dislocated is one known to a physician  
alone.

Dr. Howard's account of moving the  
refrigerator is considered weak and  
lame.

Why were her slippers found on the  
bed beside her? Dr. Howard claims  
that he took off her shoes to be her  
soles and thus bring her back to con-  
sciousness. "Why?" the State asks.  
"Did he take off both shoes and take  
off his at that time he found her  
shoes at the foot of the bed on the floor  
beside her? Why the discrepancy?"

In the fifteen minutes between 6:30  
and 7 p. m., when Mrs. Howard came in,  
and 8:30 when her husband came in, how  
could she have taken any drug, not by  
hypodermic and not able to be detected  
in the stomach, that would have caused  
her death?

Could a slap on the face intended  
to revive one produce scars able to be  
seen after three days as clearly as a  
black cloud on an azure day?

In support of the contention that it  
was a premeditated murder many citi-  
zens of Marlinton tell that Dr. Howard  
had shown them how easy it was to  
kill a person by a proper grasp of the  
neck.

"I'll show you how easy it is to choke  
a man to death," W. J. Yeager, a prom-  
inent resident of Marlinton claims Dr.  
Howard said to him, and straightway  
proceeded to demonstrate by a grasp of  
the neck identical with that which is  
claimed by the State to have killed Mrs.  
Howard. He put his hand on Yeager's  
face, with thumb on the nose, and con-  
tracted the muscles of his hand. Two  
other men of Marlinton made a state-  
ment that Dr. Howard had shown them  
the same method of death.

And today pacing behind a double  
padlock at the Pocahontas jail Oliver  
Arnold Howard, wide-eyed, with dishe-  
veled hair, protests his innocence, though  
the net seems tightening about him, and  
the prosecuting attorney calls it a mat-  
ter of nervous stress should have  
guilt is made by Dr. Howard.

"I swear by the Almighty God above  
that I never touched a hair of her head  
in my life."

Woman, Aged 79, Forced  
To Work, Drops Dead

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Aug. 27.—Mrs.  
Margaret Bordwell, seventy-nine,  
pioneer resident of Marysville,  
dropped dead while at work in the  
Marysville cannery. Two hours  
after her death the news reached  
Marysville that Mrs. Bordwell had  
inherited a fortune of \$20,000. Mrs.  
Bordwell went to work in the can-  
nery to earn a few dollars for her  
living for herself. Overexertion and a  
weak heart caused her death.

YUAN SHI KAI'S LIFE  
ATTACKED BY OKUMA

Japanese Premier Declares  
Chinese Dictator Was Gross  
Sensualist.

TOKYO, July 26.—(By mail).—An at-  
tack on the life of the late Yuan Shi  
Kai of China, and on the characteris-  
tics of the Chinese people, has been made by  
Marquis Okuma, premier of Japan, in  
the July number of the Shin Nippon,  
the premier's own magazine, out today.  
The attack, coming from the head of  
the Japanese government, upon the  
people of a country in friendly relation  
with Japan, has created a profound sen-  
sation throughout the empire.

"Yuan Shi Kai's death is only deplo-  
rable for his own sake," wrote the pre-  
mier, according to what is declared to  
be an abridged but literal translation. His  
death has revealed China in all her  
weakness.

It is less than half a year since the  
revolutionary outbreak gave a shock to  
his brain, and the fact that this short  
term of nervous stress should have  
prostrated Yuan both bodily and men-  
tally proves the fundamental moral  
weakness which underlies the Chinese  
philosophy of life.

"The Chinese are disciples of the worst  
form of hedonism, the doctrine  
that pleasure is the chief god of life.  
The first thing Yuan did, on realizing  
his ambition, was to bury himself in the  
depths of the court, surrounding himself  
with a special entourage of near rela-  
tives and favorites and guarding the

safety of his person with three-fold  
hedges of soldiery.

"A good ruler knows he has the re-  
spect and affection of the ruled, but a  
bad one must ever be tormented by an  
uneasy conscience, the consciousness of  
guilt. Yuan Shi Kai, while guarding  
himself with such a strong armed force,  
had not forgotten to indulge in all the  
luxuries of a medieval epoch.

In support of this contention in this  
that he ever hunkered voraciously for  
the pleasure of the flesh and had no  
moral support to ease him. He had been  
reduced to the hopeless stage of moral  
incapacity; he was lacking in the power  
to overcome physical and moral diffi-  
culties. Yuan's death is a great mis-  
fortune not only to himself, but to the  
Chinese people, for it shows that the  
people are touched more or less by the  
same vice which destroyed Yuan. Yuan  
had no less than six proper wives, and  
the number of his concubines is beyond  
our imagination. Such astounding moral  
degeneracy, engendered, no doubt, by  
centuries of evil national habit, as it is,  
is quite incompatible with the spirit of  
a patriot who is ready to give his body  
and soul in the case of his country-  
men.

MOTORISTS PLEAD  
GUILTY BY LETTER

Pittsburghers Send Fines for  
Violating Speed Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27.—A record  
of heavy fines for breaking speed laws  
was established at the office of  
Magistrate William H. Buckman, Jr.,  
Bryn Mawr, when he accepted formal  
written pleas of guilty from two  
wealthy residents of Pittsburgh and  
likewise accepted two certified checks,  
each for \$30, covering the usual fine of  
\$10, the usual cost and mileage in each  
case for a constable's trip from here to  
Pittsburgh and return.

The Pittsburghers were J. D. Cona-  
way, an actor at the Grand Opera House,  
and W. V. Kreuer, a business man.  
Constable Knapp was sent after the  
two men several weeks ago when they

failed to appear for hearings. Conaway  
had retained a Pittsburgh lawyer. When  
the arrests were made the men gave  
bail before Pittsburgh magistrates for  
appearance at Bryn Mawr.

Several days ago sent his  
letter, pleading guilty and enclosing a  
check for the necessary amount, ex-  
pressing the hope that this would save  
him the further expense of a trip to  
Bryn Mawr. Conaway sent a letter  
with a check, but slid around the ques-  
tion of pleading guilty. His check was  
returned to him several days ago. Yes-  
terday another letter arrived from him,  
in which he "came down" with the  
check and the necessary plea of guilty.  
"You see," Magistrate Buckman said,  
"I had no way to get out of payment of  
the fine and costs 'under protest' unless  
Conaway actually had appeared before  
me and evidence had been presented."

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foolishly seem to think they are going  
to get renewed health and strength  
from some stimulating medicine, secret  
nature of narcotic drug, said Dr.  
Sauer, a well-known specialist who has  
studied widely both in this country and  
Europe, when as a matter of fact, real  
and true strength can only come from  
the food you eat. But people often fail  
to get the strength out of their food be-  
cause they haven't enough iron in their  
blood to enable it to change food into  
living matter. From their weakened,  
nervous condition they know something is  
wrong, but they can't tell what, so they  
generally commence doctoring for stom-  
ach, liver or kidney trouble or symptoms  
of some other ailment, and the iron in  
of iron in the blood. This thing may go  
on for years, while the patient suffers  
untold agony. If you are not strong or  
well, you owe it to yourself to make the  
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obtaining any benefit. But don't take  
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form that can be easily absorbed and as-  
similated like nuxated iron if you want  
it to do you any good, otherwise it may  
prove worse than useless. Many an  
athlete or prize fighter has won the day  
simply because he knew the secret of  
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his blood with iron before he went into  
the fray, while many another has  
gone down to inglorious defeat simply  
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